

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A support device for supporting an article, particularly in a motor vehicle, comprising a support arm (8) consisting of a flexible tube with a bendable rod disposed therein and having at one end thereof an adapter plate (9) for supporting said article and at the other end a clamping element (1) including a cylindrical bushing (2) of an elastic material for reception in a cylindrical opening (1a) defined by a wall, and means for expanding said bushing (2) into firm engagement with the wall of said opening (1a) for securely supporting said support arm in said cylindrical opening (1a).

2. (currently amended) A support device according to claim 1, wherein the outer diameter of said cylindrical bushing is increased at least partially by deformation of the bushing material.

3. (currently amended) A support device according to claim 1, wherein said cylindrical bushing (2) consists of a thermoplastic polyurethane.

4. (currently amended) A support device according to claim 1, wherein said cylindrical bushing (2) is provided at opposite axial ends with conical openings (2a, 2b) whose diameters increase toward the axial outer ends of the cylindrical bushing (2).

5. (currently amended) A support device according to claim 4, wherein conical engagement members (3, 4) are ar-

ranged at the opposite ends of said cylindrical bushing (2) so as to be movable axially relative to each other.

6. (original) A support device according to claim 5, wherein a threaded bolt (5) extends axially through said conical engagement members (3, 4), by which the conical engagement members (3, 4) are movable relative to each other.

7. (original) A support device according to claim 6, wherein said clamping element (1) includes a sleeve (6) connected to said threaded bolt (5) for operating said bolt (5).

8. (original) A support device according to claim 7, wherein said sleeve (6) of said clamping element (1) includes an opening (7) in which said support arm is mounted.

9. (canceled)